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Applicant: Naoyuki Sato et al

Serial No.: 09/691,951

Filed: October 19, 2000

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

Date: September 5, 2001

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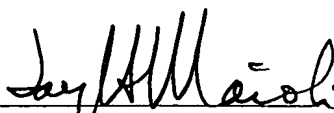
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
application, Applicants respectfully request that the application
be amended as follows.